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SUBJ: LOS: AFGHAN REPRESENTATION AT REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) STATE 230297; B) ISLAMABAD 0224

1. AT JANUARY 13 MEETING EMBOFF RAISED WITH YAHYA MAARUFI (ACTING DIRECTOR, UN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MFA) QUESTION OF AFGHAN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES IN TEHRAN JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 2 TO DISCUSS LOS AND OTHER MATTERS. MAARUFI STATED THAT WHILE FINAL DECISION NOT YET TAKEN, DOUBTED THAT GOA WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO TEHRAN AS FEELS SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GROUP OF 77 CONSULTATION ALLOTTED JUST PRIOR TO GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE.

2. MAARUFI REITERATED THAT RIGHT OF ACCESS TO SEA AND
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RIGHT TO EXPLOIT COASTAL ECONOMIC ZONE OF ADJACENT COASTAL

STATES (READ PAKISTAN) REMAIN PRINCIPAL AFGHAN CONCERNS AND THAT GOA POSITION STILL BASED ON KAMPALA DECLARATION OF LANDLOCKED STATES. IN THIS CONTECT HE SCORED PAKISTANI IN-TRANSIGENCE ON QUESTION OF RIGHT OF ACCESS AND INSISTENCE ON "RECIPROCITY."

3. COMMENT: SOFTENING OF PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON ACCESS QUESTION (REF B) WOULD NOT ONLY BE WELCOMED BY THOSE IN MFA INVOLVED WITH LOS MATTERS BUT AASO, WERE THEY ABLE TO PERCEIVE SUCH A DEVAPOPMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PROBABLY WOULD BE TAKEN IN WIDER CONTEXT AS SIGN OF GOP SINCERITY OF DESIRE TO IMPROVE PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, GIVEN AFGHAN VIEW OF RIGHT TO SLICE OF ECONOMIC ZONE, GOP UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF EXTENSION OF ZONE WITHOUT A SOFTENING ON ACCESS WOULD ALSO PROBABLY BE INTERPRETED IN WIDER CONTEXT AS HOSTILE, IF NOT DIRECTED AT, AFGHANISTAN'S INTERESTS.
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